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News from the Chief



Plans for our police department's 9th precinct are moving forward to the budgeting process. It is presently the intention to open a new precinct in the southern half of Davidson County during fiscal year 2017-18. Because it takes an additional 60 officers to open a new precinct, we would like to hire those persons gradually over the next three fiscal years. In the department's budget hearing before Mayor Dean on Monday, I requested funding for the first group, 22 officers, which would increase our authorized sworn strength to a total of 1,453. The 22 officer positions equates to one of the largest line items, \$1.6 million, in our budget increase request of \$6.6 million.

Another major line item is a \$1.5 million request to fund our continuously expanding Special Events initiative. Nashville is now well known for its special events, many of which draw persons from around the country and world by the tens of thousands. As more and more persons attend and the number of special events expand, additional extra-duty police officers must be assigned to ensure the safety of all.

Other areas in which we are seeking additional funding include, among others, the DNA Crime Laboratory for required equipment maintenance and chemicals, School Crossing Guard Section for additional part-time staff, Behavioral Health for the hiring of two additional crisis counselors, software licensing & required maintenance on MNPD computer systems, and ammunition.

Back to the 9th precinct. While a definitive location has not been determined, there would be room for a precinct facility on the former Carl Black/Capital Chevrolet property on Murfreesboro Pike just south of Fesslers Lane that is now owned by the Metropolitan Government. We will first locate a Family Justice Center on that site that would bring together the Domestic Violence Division, Youth Services Division, Tennessee Department of Children's Services and the Nashville Children's Alliance in one building.

During our budget hearing this week, Mayor Dean expressed his sincere gratitude for all of your tremendous work now and over the 7½ years of his administration. This continues to be an exciting time for Nashville and this police department. Thank you all for everything you do to enhance the safety & quality of life of this city's families and visitors.

This edition's memorable quote: *A man should not be judged by his own achievement, but rather by how he has helped those around him achieve greatness. Unk*

Happenings

The 7th Annual Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run & Festival is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 9, at LP Field. The event is a month earlier than in prior years so that Metro school students can be encouraged to attend. Chief Anderson this week spoke to a meeting of all school principals to ask that their various athletic teams and other student groups join in the 5K. Joining Chief Anderson at the principals meeting were three of the MNPD members who have received tuition reimbursement grants from the Nashville Police Support Fund, Sgt. Mark Woodfin, Det. Brett Kenney & Lt. Frank Ragains. All police department staff and our community partners are encouraged to come out for the Shoney's Family Fun Run, which begins at 8 a.m. A buffet breakfast will be served to all participants following the race. A display of police resources, including a helicopter, Bomb Squad truck, horses, SWAT gear, motorcycles, etc., will be on display.

To register for this fun, family friendly event please visit <http://www.shoneys5krun.com/>



Chief Anderson at Principals' meeting.

In keeping with a 21-year annual tradition, Chief Steve Anderson today met with Rabbi Joshua Kullock of the West End Synagogue to assist Nashville's Jewish community in the celebration of the Passover holiday.

Chief Anderson formally purchased leavened products, known as "chametz," from the West End Synagogue congregation. Jews are prohibited from owning items such as bread, cereals, and even beer, during the holiday. In many instances, Jewish families place canned or packaged leavened foods in a closet or cupboard that will stay closed for the duration of Passover's eight days. A rabbi is given power of attorney to sell all of the products to a non-Jew until Passover has ended. After the holiday ends, Rabbi Kullock will buy back the leavened products from Chief Anderson.

In appreciation for this annual tradition, the West End Synagogue will make a donation to the Nashville Police Support Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.



Chief Anderson and Rabbi Joshua Kullock speak to the media about the 21-year tradition of the West End Synagogue transferring ownership of leavened breads, etc., to the MNPd for the eight days of Passover.

Chief Steve Anderson announced that veteran crime laboratory scientist & manager Ann Talbot has been named director of the new MNPd Crime Laboratory located inside the Officer Paul Scurry Building in Madison.

Talbot, who has been serving as the Acting Director and Quality Assurance Manager for the MNPd lab during its final design stages and since its January 2014 official opening, has more than 30 years experience in law enforcement forensic work. She previously served as the Crime Laboratory Director for the Albuquerque Police Department and the forensic laboratories of the New Mexico State Police. Talbot's bench experience was in serology/DNA, hair and trace analysis, drug chemistry, toxicology (blood alcohol), and crime scene investigation. She has been qualified as an expert witness.

The Metropolitan Police Department's Crime Laboratory received official notice of accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) as the result of a January inspection. Accredited status means the MNPD lab has begun gradual work on evidence from active criminal cases.



Ann Talbot named MNPD Crime Laboratory Director

The Nashville Police Department's Hazardous Devices Unit (Bomb Squad) has been reaccredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the year 2019. FBI Special Agent Bomb Technicians found the MNPD's unit to be compliant in all categories, which include adherence to bomb technician national guidelines, technician certification compliance, sound standard operating procedures, and verification of safety equipment.

Five of the six members of the MNPD's Hazardous Devices Unit, Officer Gerry Gann, Sergeant David Haywood, Officer Kevin Pollard, Officer Brad Burns, and Officer David Bebout, have each completed the FBI's rigorous six-week national bomb technician certification course at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. The newest member, Officer Bill Morgan, expects to attend the course later this year.



The members of the MNPD Hazardous Devices Unit are (l-r) Officer Gerry Gann & canine partner Sapper, Sergeant David Haywood, Officer Kevin Pollard & canine partner Gringo, Officer Brad Burns, Officer David Bebout & canine partner Alpine, and Officer Bill Morgan.

Congratulations to Detectives Joe Batey and Kevin Allen who received Awards of Excellence from U.S. Attorney David Rivera



Pictured (l-r) are Det. Joe Batey, U.S. Attorney David Rivera, and Det. Kevin Allen

Chief Anderson spoke to a sold-out crowd at an annual dinner Thursday night benefiting Nashville Inner City Ministry at the State Fairgrounds. The chief thanked Lytle Thomas and his staff at Inner City Ministry for all that they do to provide enrichment programs for at-risk youth.



Also on Thursday, Chief Anderson and Sheriff Daron Hall spoke to the current Leadership Nashville class during Criminal Justice Day, designed to give the community leaders an overview of the city's law enforcement, judicial and corrections programs.



Chief Anderson attended the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC) meeting in Washington D.C., where he and other leaders discussed strategies for addressing the challenges of policing large urban communities.

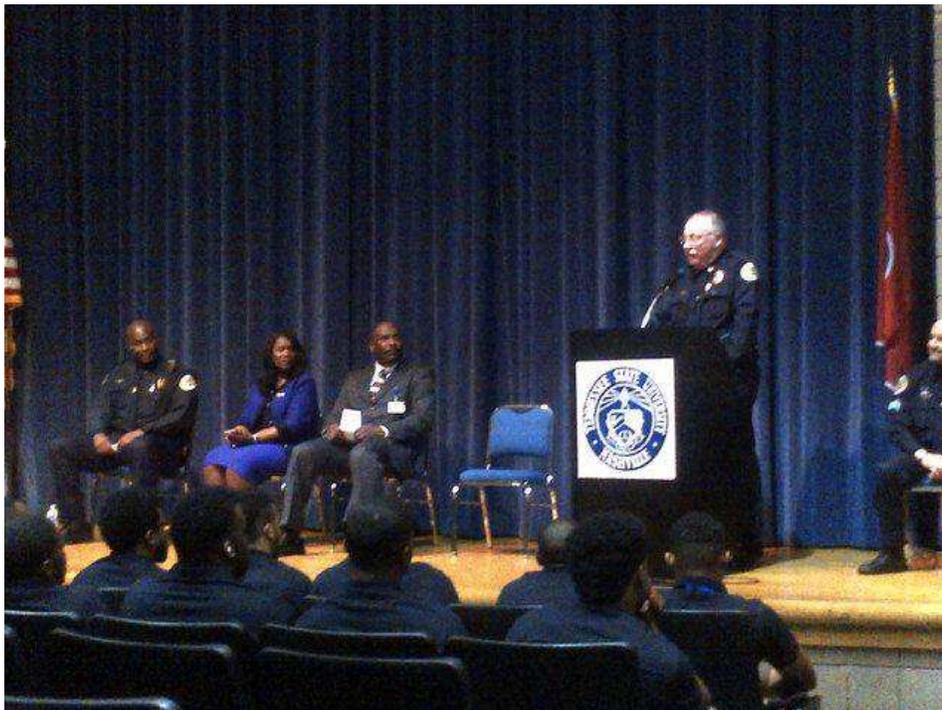
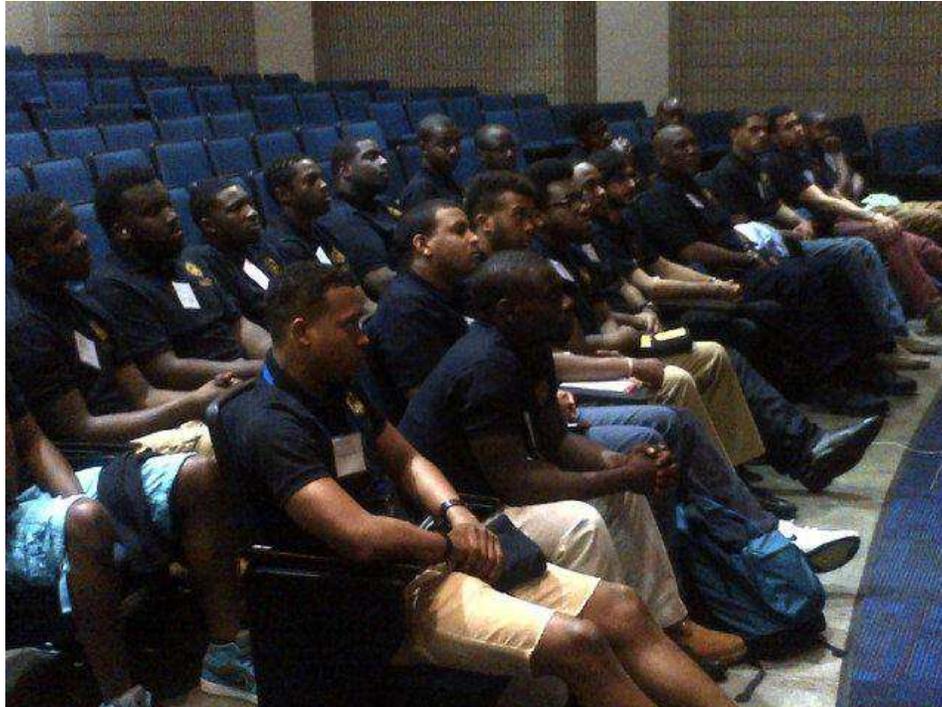


Pictured (l-r) are MCC Executive Director Darryl Stephens, President & Montgomery County Chief J. Tom Manger, NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton, Immediate Past President & Philadelphia Commissioner Chuck Ramsey, and Chief Steve Anderson.

Chief Anderson welcomed a new session of the Citizen Police Academy underway at Midtown Hills Precinct.



Chief Anderson on Tuesday welcomed 21 TSU students to the police department's first-ever Collegiate Citizen Police Academy. Reverends Enoch Fuzz and Frank Stevenson suggested the idea to the police department a few months ago. Sergeants Mitch Kornberg and Raymond Jones are overseeing the weekly sessions, which feature a variety of MNPD guest speakers.



Precinct News

Madison

The man suspected of shooting Valerie Carter, 33, aka Valerie Robinson, on Cumberland Avenue in Madison is charged with attempted criminal homicide.

After a citizen's tip, Robert William Ward, 22, was taken into custody by Sumner County Sheriff's deputies. He refused to be interviewed.

The victim continues to recover.

Ward, of Gallatin, Tennessee, has previous felony Schedule VI drug convictions in Sumner County. He is being held in lieu of \$350,000 bond.

Madison Officers participated in the Campbell Road Neighborhood Watch Clean-Up day on March 21st.



Hermitage

Lieutenant Matt Pylkas visited Harding Academy where first graders participated in a service project. The children performed tasks at home in order to make money to purchase a bear for a child who comes into contact with police officers due to unfortunate events or circumstances.



North

Outstanding police work by North Precinct Flex officers led to the arrest of fugitive Kevon Swinger, 20, who was wanted on felony drug/weapon charges and for shooting into a vehicle last summer in the 2300 block of 25th Avenue North. The driver and his 10-year-old daughter narrowly escaped injury.

Flex officers spotted Swinger near McKinney Avenue and he fled on foot. Officer Joshua Baker later saw Swinger's sister Kevonda Swinger, 18, and his cousin, Chiquita Jones, 26, driving very slowly in the area. Officer Baker initiated a vehicle stop and both women quickly jumped out of the van. They told Officer Baker they had not seen Kevon for several weeks. While inspecting the van, Officer Baker spotted Kevon Swinger hiding inside.

Swinger, of 26th Avenue North, was taken into custody. He is charged with two counts of aggravated assault for last summer's shooting. Additionally he is charged with felony drug possession and a crooks with guns law violation for an incident last Sunday. Swinger is accused of bailing from a maroon PT Cruiser that officers attempted to stop as the vehicle exited the Cumberland View public housing development. Swinger eluded capture. During a search of the PT Cruiser, officers recovered marijuana, prescription medication, drug paraphernalia including scales, and a handgun that had been reported stolen.

Kevonda Swinger and Chiquita Jones are each charged with being an accessory after the fact for assisting Kevon Swinger in his efforts to flee the area.

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of murder suspect Damonta Meneese, 22, who was wanted for the December 26, 2012 fatal shooting of Stephen Milliken.

North Precinct Officer Ken O'Neal received information that Meneese and another man were at Bordeaux Gardens Park on Snell Boulevard in a red vehicle. Officers established a perimeter and took Meneese into custody as he walked toward a red SUV in the parking lot.

Meneese is charged with 1st degree murder, aggravated robbery, and aggravated assault in connection to Milliken's murder. He is also charged with three counts of aggravated assault and evading arrest in two other cases.

The two other men indicted along with Damonta Meneese for Milliken's murder have been in custody since last year.

The other man with Meneese today, convicted felon Andre Gills, 27, of Whites Creek Pike, is charged with being an accessory after the fact for assisting Meneese. He has previous convictions for aggravated robbery and assault.

Central

Parolee James R. Oliphant, 61, is back behind bars charged with robbing a as she walked on Peabody Street near Rutledge Street where her car was parked.

The 34-year-old victim reported hearing footsteps behind her at 9:30 p.m. She began to run away but was struck in the head from behind causing her to fall. The suspect took the victim's purse and attempted to flee on foot. A citizen, who witnessed the robbery, pursued the suspect and tackled him, holding him until police arrived. The victim was treated at the scene.

Officers took Oliphant, who is homeless, into custody without further incident. He is charged with aggravated robbery and parole violation.

Oliphant's arrest history reflects previous charges for domestic assault, auto burglary, and resisting arrest.

Midtown Hills

Investigation by Detective Brittany Shoemith led to the identification of 18-year-old Jordan Goodlett of Atlanta as the suspected gunman in the March 1st shooting at the Cookout restaurant on West End Avenue that left one man dead and another critically wounded.

Goodlett surrendered at police headquarters and is charged with criminal homicide and attempted criminal homicide.

Alert police work led to the arrest of convicted burglar Arthur Jones, 49, who is accused of breaking into an office building at 7 Music Circle North.

Midtown Hills Precinct Officer Taylor Jeansonne saw Jones behind the building loading electronics, including an Apple MacBook Pro, a computer monitor, and speakers, into a white commercial van. The van had been reported stolen. Jones made entry by prying off the wooden covering of a missing window. He was taken into custody without incident.

Jones, who is homeless, is charged with two counts of theft, burglary, vandalism, and driving on a revoked license. He has previous convictions for theft, burglary, and robbery.

Members of FiftyForward visited Midtown Precinct. The group works to enrich the lives of adults 50+ by providing pathways to health, well-being and lifelong learning.



20th Judicial District Drug Task Force

A six-month investigation into the lucrative upper echelon of a Nashville cocaine distribution network led to the seizure of more than 50 kilograms (in excess of 100 pounds) of Mexican cocaine valued at nearly \$2 million. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash has also been seized, as well as 20 vehicles, 2 motorcycles, and 13 guns. Nine persons are jailed locally on charges of engaging in a cocaine conspiracy. They are being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond each.

“The cocaine seized in this investigation posed a real and significant threat to public safety in the neighborhoods where it was to be distributed,” Chief Steve Anderson said. “Drug operations such as this frequently breed violent crime, including armed robberies and gunfire, as persons try to acquire a cut of the large sums of money associated with kilo quantities of cocaine.”

All totaled, this case has resulted in the seizure of 75.5 kilograms of cocaine valued in excess of \$2.6 million from locations in the Nashville area and Dallas, Texas. More than 20 search warrants were executed Thursday in the local area.

"Congratulations to the Metro officers on the Drug Task Force, along with Assistant District Attorney Ed Ryan who is assigned to assist them, for their excellent work to keep drugs off our streets and make Nashville a safer place to live," said District Attorney General Glenn Funk.

This investigation, conducted by Metro police detectives assigned to the 20th Judicial District Drug Task Force, initially focused on convicted Nashville drug felon **Lasean Jamaine Campbell**, 41, of 4824 Irving Lane in Donelson, now an alleged multi-kilo distributor of cocaine to mid-level dealers. As the case advanced, detectives were able to identify **Ivan D. Nunez**, 33, of Sam Davis Road in Smyrna, as the alleged supplier to Campbell. Nunez, originally from Mexico, is a convicted cocaine felon who received a 10-year community corrections sentence in 2011.

Nunez is alleged to have been assisted in the cocaine business by **Artemio Novarro**, 30, and **Edwin Garcia**, 23, both originally from Mexico, but who have been residing at 4523 Central Pike, just inside Wilson County. A search of that home led to the discovery of cocaine and stacks of cash concealed inside an entertainment console.

Fifty kilograms of cocaine were discovered inside a 2426 Brick Church Pike self-storage unit alleged to have been rented by Campbell.

Nunez is alleged to have been supplying two other large scale cocaine customers in addition to Campbell. Those two are identified as **Troy Knight**, 43, of 2437 Herman Street, and **Howard Dowell**, 42, of 1720 Comanche Run in Madison.

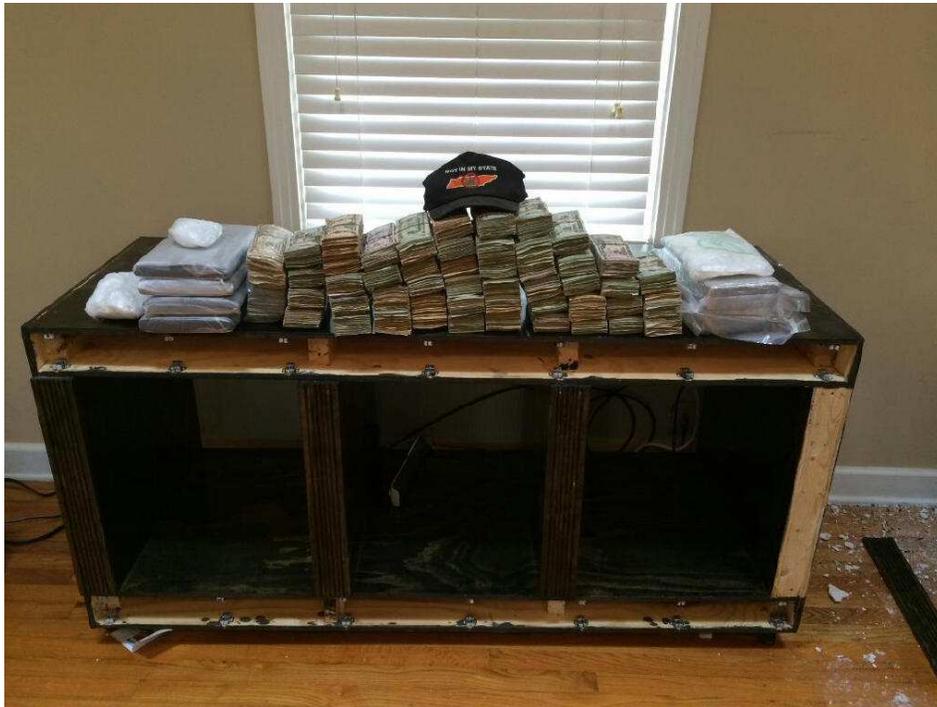
Three other persons charged are linked to Campbell's operations. **Robert Mitchell**, 37, of 734 Willow Trace Drive, is alleged to have been a Campbell protégé in the cocaine enterprise. **Damion L. Horton**, 37, of 2875 Creekbend Drive, and **Leonard Cortez Rucker**, 37, of 203 N. 8th Street, are alleged to have assisted in getting cocaine from Campbell to the streets of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

Based on information developed by Metro detectives, U.S. Department of Homeland Security investigators executed a search warrant in Dallas, Texas, Thursday and seized 11 kilograms of cocaine, \$10,000 cash and made two arrests.

Additionally, on March 9, the MNPd stopped an associate of Nunez on I-40 west as that person was leaving the area. Seized from the vehicle were 4 kilograms of cocaine and \$317,200 cash.

Other law enforcement entities assisting in this investigation include detectives from the MNPd's Specialized Investigations Division, Crime Suppression Units from various precincts, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, TBI, Wilson County Sheriff's Office, Smyrna Police and the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office.

This case represents Nashville's largest cocaine seizure since January 2008, when 70 kilograms of cocaine were seized from a private airplane at Nashville International Airport.



Seized money and cocaine

Specialized Investigations Division

Narcotics detectives' continuing efforts to interdict heroin coming into Nashville has led to the arrest of a Columbus, Ohio woman who attempted to sell 1.7 pounds of heroin, worth an estimated \$40,000 on the street.

Detectives received information that Chasity Casiano was headed to Nashville from Columbus to make a heroin delivery. They moved in after she arrived at a motel north of downtown. She is charged with engaging in a heroin conspiracy and possession of heroin for resale.

In an unrelated case, Fernando Gonzalez-Williams is charged with possessing heroin for resale after he was found to be carrying small marble size doses weighing 42 grams after a traffic stop for speeding at I-440 and I-65. Gonzalez-Williams, of Eugenia Avenue, is also facing a charge of driving without a license.

Both Casiano and Gonzales-Williams are believed to be connected to Mexican-based heroin distribution organizations.

Yet a third heroin investigation that is still active led to the seizure of an additional 1.8 pounds of heroin and two pistols during the execution of a search warrant in the Midtown area. Information in that case is still being developed.

The Medical Examiner's Office reports that heroin continues to contribute to a number of overdose deaths in Nashville.

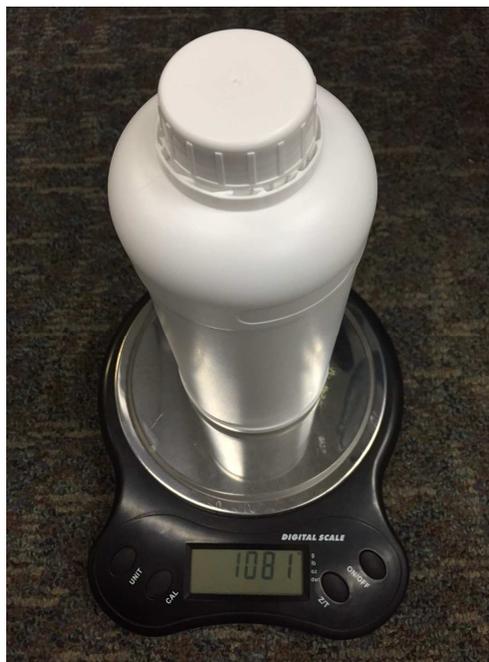


A joint investigation by MNPD Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has led to the interception of a substantial quantity of an ingredient commonly used to manufacture the date rape drug GHB. This investigation has prevented hundreds of individual doses of GHB from reaching the streets of this area.

More than two pounds of liquid gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL) was detected by U.S. Customs & Border Protection staff inside a package as it arrived in the United States from China. The package was destined for an address in Madison, Tennessee. Moments after the package was delivered to a home at 112 Dupont Avenue, MNPD detectives and agents from the TBI, DEA and Homeland Security executed a search warrant at the residence. Inside were Joshua W. Baker, 33, who lived there, and Charles R. Ligon, 31, of E. Cedar Street in Goodlettsville.

Baker admitted to knowing that the package contained GBL. Ligon admitted that he was to take the GBL to another person for conversion to the date rape drug GHB. The liquid in this case would have produced approximately 625 individual doses of GHB. A single dose sells for approximately \$30 on the street.

Although GBL is sold in some circles as an industrial cleaner and floor stripper, it is classified as an analogue controlled substance in Tennessee and is illegal to possess. GBL is often easily converted into GHB through clandestine laboratory methods.



Vice detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division charged Nashvillian Fenshan Quan with sex trafficking for allegedly forcing a woman to repeatedly engage in prostitution inside a Lebanon Pike apartment.

Quan, 55, is jailed in lieu of \$55,000 bond.

Detectives recently received an anonymous complaint that a prostitution operation was being run out of an apartment at 2258 Lebanon Pike. Friday night, an MNPD undercover

officer responded to an internet ad for erotic massage. Upon arrival at the apartment, Quan motioned for another woman of Asian descent to join the undercover officer. She agreed to perform a sex act in exchange for \$100, after which other detectives moved in to detain Quan and the second woman.

During questioning, the second woman, who is age 52, was visibly shaken and appeared to be in fear of Quan. She told detectives that Quan arranged for her to be flown from New York to Nashville earlier in the week, and that she was directed to perform sex acts on multiple men over the past few days. The woman said Quan would keep \$80 from each encounter and give her \$20. She said she had not eaten in two days and did not know how to escape from the apartment.

Detectives contacted representatives from an agency that provides services to victims of sex trafficking. They are providing lodging and food resources to the 52-year-old victim.

Multiple felony arrest warrants have been issued against suspected drug trafficker Matthew McKervey, who was wounded in the arm by MNPD narcotics detectives Wednesday afternoon after he opened fire on them during the attempted execution of a search warrant at McKervey's Hawkins Street apartment.

McKervey, 26, is in stable condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Upon discharge from the hospital, he will be arrested on three counts of aggravated assault for shooting at police officers, unlawful gun possession during the commission of a felony drug offense, conspiracy to distribute more than one pound of crystal meth, possession of crystal meth for resale, possession of heroin for resale, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of crystal meth in a drug-free zone (within 1,000 feet of a public park).

During the execution of a search warrant at McKervey's apartment after the shooting, detectives discovered two pistols, 111 grams of crystal meth, 105 grams of heroin, balloons and small jewelry bags used to package drugs for resale, small scales to weigh drugs, used syringes, \$4,000 cash, and multiple hidden compartments throughout the residence. The crystal meth recovered from the apartment Wednesday is in addition to the one pound of the drug that was dealt from there Monday night and subsequently seized by narcotics detectives during an undercover investigation.

Two additional persons were arrested late Wednesday night at a Hermitage motel in connection with this drug case. Daniel Alcala, 28, and David Alejandro Becerra-Ruiz, 40, are charged with conspiring with McKervey to distribute crystal meth in Nashville. Alcala and Becerra-Ruiz are alleged to have transported crystal meth to McKervey from out of state. They are jailed in lieu of \$200,000 bond each.

Alcala was convicted of selling heroin in Nashville in 2011. He received a nine-year sentence that was made a part of the community corrections program.

Congratulations:

Officer Chad Turnbow and his wife, Samara, welcomed their daughter, Callie, on March 9th.

Officer Justin Coyle and his wife, Melanie, welcomed their son, Davis, on March 18th.

Lt. Ryan Hampton and his wife, Emma, welcomed their son, Owen, on March 14th.

Officer Troy Loewen and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Henry, on March 19th.



Condolences:

James H. Regen, the father of Jennifer Regen, passed away.

Jacque Burnside, the wife of Tom Burnside, owner of Creative Alarms and longtime friend to the police department, passed away on March 15th after a battle with cancer.

Sybil Gean Lee Hertenstein, the mother of Sergeant Jerry Hertenstein, passed away on March 24th.

Amanda Johnson, the mother-in-law of Sergeant Kelvin Jenkins, recently passed away.